

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 202

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud the Tennessee Technological University Competitive Cheerleading Squad upon winning the CAN-AM Open College nationals Competition.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful collegiate teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassador of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Technological University (TTU) cheerleading program is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility in the world of competitive cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the TTU Competitive Cheerleading Squad achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2006-2007 season, which turned out to be a championship season; and

WHEREAS, in the CAN-AM Open College Nationals Competition held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., this remarkable team brought home top honors in the first national competition in which they have competed; and

WHEREAS, the Competitive Squad members earned the title of 2007 Large Co-Ed National Champions, and each member also received a gold medal, championship T-shirt, and championship jacket while the university received a championship banner and a championship trophy; and

WHEREAS, the winning performance, which the dedicated squad practiced for several months, was a two-and-a-half minute showcase of the combination of their skills in cheer, dance, tumbling, and stunting; and

WHEREAS, TTU's championship season could not have been possible without the supreme knowledge and astute leadership of Coach Robin Burroughs; and

WHEREAS, the Competitive Cheerleading Squad is made up of all sixteen members of the co-ed cheerleading squad, five members of the TTU's first All Girl cheerleading squad, and Awesome Eagle; and

WHEREAS, the champion squad members are seniors Jason Wilton (Awesome Eagle), Wynne Presley, Jennifer Turner, Jessica Karlosky, Billy Sharp, Nate Mainord, Brian Birch, Clark Ellis, and Brandon Clowers; juniors Dana Hale, Vanessa Trisdale, Casey Hackett, Cayla Armistead, Mandy Oldham, and Thomas Chip Collier; sophomores Melanie Doi, Josh Mellons, and Evan Montgomery; and freshman Ashley Bowling, Ashley Farris, Chantelle Woodward, and Amber Cokrill; and

WHEREAS, the members of this remarkable team are grateful for the support of their sponsors, their community, TTU, David Mullinax, and Suzann Hensley; and

WHEREAS, TTU's Competitive Cheerleading Squad epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athlete, as its members have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men and women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Tennessee Technological University Competitive Cheerleading Squad for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Robin Burroughs and the Tennessee Technological University's Competitive Cheerleading Squad on their exceptional legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their extraordinary 2006-2007 championship season in winning the CAN-AM Open College Nationals Competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

